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Visiting Committees to the Museum for 1906.

AT their annual meeting in January the Trustees added to the By-Laws of the Museum an article providing for the annual appointment of Visiting Committees entrusted with the duty of examining and reporting upon the various departments of the Museum and branches of its activity. In pursuance of this provision several Committees have since been formed and have held meetings at the Museum to acquaint themselves with its personnel and its management. These Committees consist of the following ladies and gentlemen: —

Administration.
Laurence Minot, *Chairman.*
T. Jefferson Coolidge, Jr.
Arthur F. Estabrook.
A. Lawrence Lowell.
Wallace L. Pierce.

Library.
C. K. Bolton, *Chairman.*
Holker Abbott.
Mrs. Henry D. Burnham.
Miss Agnes Irwin.
A. W. Longfellow.

Chinese and Japanese Art.
Edward J. Holmes, *Chairman.*
Mrs. Harold J. Coolidge.
Robert Treat Paine, 2d.
Mrs. George Tyson

Collection of Paintings.
Dr. A. T. Cabot, *Chairman.*
Dr. Henry C. Angell.
Eben D. Jordan.
E. C. Tarbell.
F. P. Vinton.

Classical Department.
E. W. Forbes, *Chairman.*
Mrs. W. Scott Fitz.
W. Amory Gardner
Bela L. Pratt.
Washington B. Thomas.

Print Department.
Francis Bullard, *Chairman.*
Gordon Abbott.
H. G. Curtis.
Mrs. J. C. Phillips.

Educational Effort.
Stratton D. Brooks, *Chairman.*
Mrs. Allen Curtis.
George B. Dorr.
Mrs. R. S. Russell.
Walter Sargent.

Textile Collection.
Dr. D. W. Ross, *Chairman.*
Miss Frances G. Curtis.
Dr. J. W. Elliot.
Mrs. Bayard Thayer.
C. J. H. Woodbury.

Egyptian Department.
G. M. Lane, *Chairman.*
Mrs. Frederick Ayer.
Mrs. T. James Bowlker.
Augustus Hemenway.
Joseph Lindon Smith.

Western Art (except Textiles).
J. T. Coolidge, Jr., *Chairman.*
I. Tucker Burr.
Mrs. Lorin F. Deland.
Miss Ellen S. Hooper.
F. G. Macomber.

The Plans for the New Building.

AT the regular quarterly meeting of the Trustees held on July 19, the Building Committee presented a unanimous report approving a design for the new building of the Museum prepared by the architect, Mr. Guy Lowell, in consultation with Messrs. E. M. Wheelwright, R. C. Sturgis, and Professor D. Despradelle, upon the basis of sketch plans and elevations furnished him by the Building Committee in January last as the result of the coöperation of the architects named, the Staff of the Museum, and the Committee during the three years devoted to preliminary study of the problem. The design was submitted in the form of plans on the scale of working drawings, with elevations, sections and a perspective sketch, and was accepted and adopted as the design for the new building by a unanimous vote of the Trustees. The preparation of the final working drawings as a basis for specifications and bids for the construction of the building will be immediately entered upon, and it is hoped shortly to publish the plans with a description of the proposed structure.

Committee on the Utilization of the Museum by Schools and Colleges.

THE first meeting of a committee formed to promote the utilization of the Museum by schools and colleges took place at the Museum on May 23 last, under the chairmanship of President Eliot, the other members of the Committee being President Henry Lefavour, vice-chairman, Mrs. Richard C. Cabot, Miss Frances R. Morse, Miss Anna D. Slocum, Professor P. H. Hanus, Mr. J. Randolph Coolidge, Jr., Temporary Director, Mr. Walter Sargent, and Professor H. Langford Warren. Mr. M. S. Prichard was chosen as secretary.

The aim of the Committee is to awaken an interest in art among the students of our schools and colleges through the agency of the collections of the Museum. A sub-committee of five members, consisting of Mr. Walter Sargent, chairman, Mrs. Cabot, Miss Morse, Miss Slocum and Professor Hanus, was appointed to carry out the work outlined. For the coming November the sub-committee has planned a course of introductory lectures by prominent authorities, primarily for teachers, but open to all who wish to attend. Mr. John La Farge has consented to speak on the consideration of Painting and the consideration of the Minor Arts, Mr. W. P. P. Longfellow on Architecture, while Professor Warren and Mr. Sargent will give more general addresses. Further information in regard to these lectures and to other plans of the Committee will be given in a subsequent Bulletin.

The movement thus auspiciously begun is the outgrowth of an effort initiated five years ago by Miss Anna Boynton Thompson of Thayer Academy, in coöperation with other ladies, to interest teachers of history in New England in making larger use of the stores of material apt for their purposes which are contained in the museums of Boston and other New England cities. A petition for instruction in connection with the Museum collections, signed by a large number of teachers of history in Massachusetts and neighboring states, was presented to the Trustees of the Museum in 1901, and met with cordial sympathy. On April 30, 1904, a meeting called by the ladies' committee was held at the Westminster, and was addressed by President Eliot and other speakers. The active aid of Simmons College was secured soon after its organization, and under its auspices courses of lectures to teachers were given in the Museum during the autumn months of 1904, and again in the early months of 1905 and in the present year. The final issue of these efforts has